



The U.S. Embassy in Mexico is requesting applications from Mexican students finishing high school (preparatoria) in 2021 to participate in the

2021 National Youth Science Camp

Operated by the National Youth Science Foundation

General Information and Instructions

National Youth Science Camp	<p>The National Youth Science Camp (NYSCamp) has traditionally been a residential science education program that honors and challenges two graduating high school science students from each state in the United States and others from selected countries around the world. As a result of a global health crisis, however, the 2021 NYSCamp will be an entirely virtual experience which will include world-class lectures, directed studies, and seminars with prestigious and up and coming STEM professionals from across the United States. Delegates are challenged to explore new areas in the biological and physical sciences, art, and music and engage with staff members, STEM professionals, and one another in exciting, fun and meaningful ways. Even though delegates can't gather in the beautiful mountains of West Virginia this year, the 2021 Virtual NYSCamp will be an engaging, stimulating, and unforgettable educational experience! Learn more at www.nyscamp.org</p> <p>This is a very competitive program in which two Mexican high school students will have the opportunity to participate this year.</p>
Location of the NYSCamp	<p>The NYSCamp has traditionally been held at a facility located in the Monongahela National Forest near Bartow in the eastern mountains of West Virginia in the United States. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's program will entirely be a virtual experience for 2021 delegates.</p>
Dates of the NYSCamp	<p>Delegates MUST attend the entire NYSCamp program beginning <u>Monday, June 28, 2021</u> and ending on <u>Wednesday, July 21, 2021</u>. Although other camp activities will be offered, selected delegates must commit to a minimum 4.5 hour daily virtual participation requirement between the hours of 6:00PM and 10:30 PM Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) for the duration of the camp.</p>
Cost	<p>The National Youth Science Camp is offered at NO COST to its participants so that selected delegates may attend regardless of their financial status.</p>
Eligible Applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be 16, 17 or 18 years of age on July 1, 2021. • This call is only for Mexican citizens (candidates with dual U.S. and Mexican nationalities or U.S. resident status are ineligible) • Must demonstrate superior academic proficiency- minimum grade point average of 9.0-, including recognition in mathematics and/or the sciences; • Must have documented leadership abilities and social maturity through involvement in school and community activities; • Must have documented skills and achievements outside the realm of science, technology, engineering and mathematics, and outside the realm of academia; and • Must demonstrate a curiosity and an eagerness to explore many and varied topics. • Must intend to pursue higher education and a career in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics related field.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be willing and able to participate in the entire NYSCamp program. • Must demonstrate English proficiency as the program is conducted in English. Please provide one of the following English certificates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ TOEFL ITP: minimum score of 500 points. ⇒ TOEFL IBT: minimum score of 61 points. ⇒ IELTS: B1 level. ⇒ Duolingo Test: minimum score of 60 points. ⇒ or, an English teacher can complete the English Proficiency Form attached to the application form.
<p>Application Instructions:</p> <p>Please read carefully, incomplete applications will not be considered</p>	<p>A complete application and supporting documents should be submitted in a single e-mail, with only one PDF attachment (this should include the application forms and accompanying documents) addressed to: USEmbCultural@state.gov. The subject line of your E-mail should read: NSYC 2021 application – your full name. Click on this link to download the application form and the English proficiency form.</p> <p>A complete application contains:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delegate Application Cover Sheet (please print or type). • Application Form-Mexico (please print or type). • A letter detailing your qualifications, how you would benefit from the NYSC experience, and your thoughts on the social impacts of science (must be typed), • A resume detailing your academic achievements and extra-curricular activities, • A recent academic transcript (<i>Historial académico</i>- which should not be translated into English), • A letter of support from a teacher or research mentor emphasizing academic achievements, interest in sciences or mathematics, leadership potential, and well-rounded development. The letter should be written in English, or if in Spanish a translation should be provided. The letter should be addressed to the Cultural Section, U.S. Embassy Mexico and submitted directly by the professor or mentor to: USEmbCultural@state.gov with the following subject line: NSYC 2021 – Recommendation letter for student's full name, and • Evidence of English language proficiency. • Do NOT send your application material directly to the National Youth Science Foundation.
<p style="text-align: center;">Application Deadline Friday, March 5 at 11:59 p.m. Mexico City Time</p>	